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Location(s): Navajo Nation

* The President of the Navajo Nation will declare a state of emergency in response to the widespread impact of toxic metals now flowing into the San Juan River via the Animas River

* The President and other tribal leaders confirmed Saturday evening that the plume containing toxic metals that was released from a mine near Silverton, CO, is traveling through the reservation

* A precautionary warning was issued on Friday, advising residents to stay away from the river and to refrain from using its water for livestock and other household needs

* The Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) stated that the utility's water systems from Farmington, NM, to Beclabito, NM, are not impacted because the systems are isolated from the San Juan River

* As a precautionary measure, NTUA shut down the water treatment facility in Mexican Hat, UT, that serves the community of Halchita, UT

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